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Applicant: Annegret Janssen
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Examiner: J. Lorengo

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AMENDMENT

In response to the outstanding Office action dated January 17, 2002, Applicant submits the following remarks.

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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

Please cancel claim 22 without prejudice.

1.(Amended) A method of coating, wherein a hot melt adhesive, which has been thermally made flowable, is released from a coating device onto a substantially nonporous substrate as a substantially continuous coating without contact between said coating device and said substrate, and subsequently disposed upon the surface of said substrate at a coating weight of less than about 10 g/m².

6.(Amended) A method of coating, wherein a hot melt adhesive, which has been thermally made flowable, is provided in the form of a substantially continuous nonporous film without contact of the film with a substrate, and said film is then disposed upon a release-coated substrate comprising a web and is then transfer-coated onto a second substrate.

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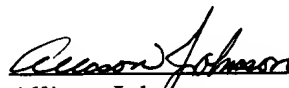
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2. Amendment (6 pages);
3. Clean Copy of Amended and New Claims (2 pages);
4. Marked-Up Copy of Amended and New Claims (2 pages); and
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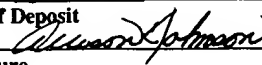
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